

Low Desert Planting & Harvest Calendar

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KEY

= Harvest time

s = Plant from seed

t = Plant from transplants

b = Plant from bulb/rhizome/root cutting

Crop	Temp °F	Comments											
		15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2	15 2
Artichoke—Globe —Jerusalem	20 <0	t	t	t	t								
Asparagus	<0	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b	b
Bean—Blackeye	32			s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-Fava	20												
-Garbanzo	25	s	s	s									
-Green snap	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-Lentil	25	s	s	s									
-Lima	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-Pinto	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-Soy	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-Yardlong	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
Beet	25	s	s										
Bok Choy	22	t	t										
Broccoli—head	25	t	t										
-Raab	25	t	t										
-Romanesco	27	t	t										
Brussels Sprout	22												
Cabbage—Chinese	24	t	t										
-standard	26	t	t										
Carrot	23	s	s	s	s								
Cauliflower	27	t	t										
Celery	28												
Collards	25	t	t										
Corn—flour	32		s	s	s	s							
-ornamental	32		s	s	s	s							
-popcorn	32		s	s	s	s							
-sweet	32		s	s	s	s							
Cucumber—Armenian	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
-standard	32		s	s	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
Eggplant	32		s/t	s/t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
Endive	25	s											
Garlic	10												
Jicama	32		s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s	s
Kale	22	t	t										
Leek	15	b	b										
Lettuce—head	28	t	f	t									
-leaf	28	t	f	t									
Melons	32		s	s	s/t								
Mizuna	25	t	t										

Crop	Temp Hardiness	Comments
Mustard Greens	27	t t
Okra	32	s s s s s s s s
Onion--bulb -multiplier -scallion	15 15 15	b b b b b b b b b
Parsnip	25	
Peas	26	s s s/t s/t t
Pepper	32	b b b
Potato	32	s s s s s s s s
Pumpkin	32	
Radish	25	s s s s s s s s
Rutabaga	26	
Spinach	22	s s s s s s s s
Squash--summer -winter	32 32	s s s s s s s s
Sunflower	32	s s s s s s s s
Sweet Potato	32	b b b b b
Swiss chard	26	s s s s s s s s
Tomatillo	32	s s s t t t t
Tomato	32	s s s t t t t
Turnip	25	s s s s s s s s
Watermelon	32	s s s s s s s s
Herbs		
Arugula-Annual	15	s s s s s s s s
Basil-Annual/Perennial	32	s s t t t t t t
Cilantro-Annual	28	s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t
Dill-Annual	27	s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t s/t
Fennel--bulb variety -herb/leaves	27 25	s s s s s s s s
Lavender-Annual	0	t t t t
Mint-Perennial	<0	t t t t t t t
Oregano-Perennial	<0	t t t t t t t
Parsley-Annual	20	s s s s s s s s
Rosemary-Perennial		t t t t t t t
Sage-Perennial	<0	t t t t t t t
Thyme-Perennial	<0	t t t t t t t

Hardiness Note Hardiness temp, is the point at which damage occurs in exposed plants. Extent of damage depends on length of exposure, as well as micro-environmental factors.
Microclimates The exact season of growing depends greatly on your particular microclimate. A microclimate is any area of your yard that is warmer or cooler than the rest of the yard: such as planting next to a block wall that retains heat into the night. Many frost sensitive plants can be grown through the winter in milder low desert locations, though with slower growth rates. Likewise, with appropriate shading many heat-sensitive crops can be grown into the summer months in outlying areas with cooler nights, though quality and vigor can be reduced.

Maricopa County Garden Planting Calendar for Annual Fruits and Vegetables
 The University of Arizona Cooperative Extension

Fruit • Vegetable	Time to Harvest	Jan.		Feb.		March		April		May		June		July		August		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		
		1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	15	
Artichokes, Globe	4-6 months	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Artichokes, Jerusalem	6-8 months	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	
Asparagus	2-3 years	T	T	T	T																					
Basil	T= 30 S= 60-75 days			S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Beans, Lima	60-100 days			S	S													S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Beans, Pinto	60-90 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Beans, Snap	60-90 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Beans, Yardlong	60-90days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Beets	60-80 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Blackeyed Peas	90-120 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Bok Choy	45 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Broccoli	T=90-100 S=120-130 days	TS	T															S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Brussel Sprouts	T=100-120 S=120-150 days																S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Cabbage	T=80-90 S=120-130 days	TS	T														S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Cabbage, Chinese	T=45 S=70-80 days	TS	T														S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Carrots	60-100 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cauliflower	T=90-100 S=120-130 days	TS	T														S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Celery	120-150 days																S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Chard	60-90 days	TS	TS														S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Collard Greens	80 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	
Corn, Sweet	70-90 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cucumbers	60-90 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Cucumbers, Armenian	55 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Eggplant	70-120 days															T	T									
Endive	80-120 days	S	S													S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	

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		1 15											
Garlic	5-7 months							X	X				
Kale	60-90 days					S	S	S	S	S	S	S	SS
Kohlrabi	T=45-60 S=50-60 days	T	T	T		S	S	S	TS	TS	TS	T	T
Lettuce, Head	50-100 days	TS	TS	T		S	S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS
Lettuce, Leaf	30-90 days	TS	TS	TS	T	S	S	S	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS
Leek	180-200 days	S	S			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Melons, Cantaloupe	80-120 days					S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Melons, Watermelon	90-120 days					S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Mustard	35-45 days	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Okra	70-100 days					S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Onions, Bulb	Sets=4-5 months S=7-8 months	X	X	X		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Onions, Green	90-100 days	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Onions, Shallots	80 - 110 days					S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Parsnips	100-120 days					X	X						
Peanuts	5 months					S	S	S					
Peas	Sept.=60-120 Nov.=120-150 days	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Peppers	90-120 days			T	T	T		T	T				
Potatoes	90-120 days	S	S	S		S	S	S					
Potatoes, Sweet	120-160 days			T	T	T	T	T	T				
Pumpkin	90-120 days			S	S			S	S	S			
Radishes	30-60 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Rutabagas	100-120 days	S	S			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Spinach	30-90 days	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Squash, Summer	60-90 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Squash, Winter	90-120 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Sunflower	90-110 days			S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Tomatoes	50-120 days		T	T	T			T	T				
Turnips	75-120 days	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

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